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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD FOR COATING MEDICAL IMPLANTS**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following space is checked:

 is attached hereto.
X was filed on July 12, 1999 as United States Patent Application Serial Number or PCT International Application Number 09/351,518.

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Prior Foreign Application(s): N/A

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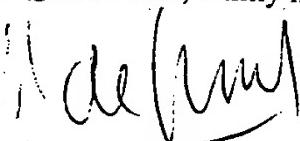
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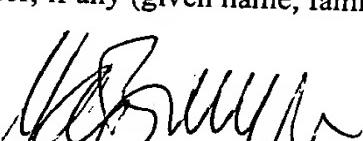
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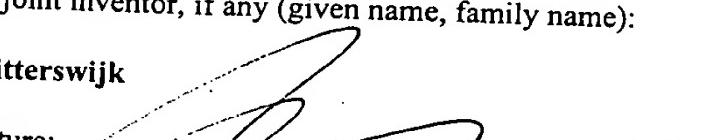
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